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INFO CTG 77.3

CTG 77.6

COMUSMACV

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USS MADDOX

USS TURNER JOY

USS TICONDEROGA

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JULY AUGUST DESOTO 021200Z OPSUM

A. CINCPACFLT 021104Z NOTAL

B. COMSEVENTHFLT 021255Z NOTAL

1. CTG 72.1 ORIG THIS MSG. MILITARY SIGHTINGS CONTAINED BY SITSUM 3.  
 2. FOR ADDEES THIS MSG NOT INCLUDED AS ADDEES MY ACTION REPORTS.  
 MADDOX ATTACKED BY 3 DR P-4 CRAFT AT TIME 020750Z AT POSITION 19-47N,  
 106-31.1E. EVAL THESE CRAFT AS SAME 3 P-4 REPORTED SITSUM 3. ANTICIPAT  
 ING ATTACK MADDOX HAD OPENED POINT DELTA 15 MILES TO SEAWARD PRIOR TO  
 PURSUIT BY P FOURS. MADDOX SPEED 27 KNOTS, P-4 SPEED 58 KNOTS AT 020800Z

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RANGE 9000 YARDS, MADDOX FIRED WARNING SHOTS WHICH WERE UNHEEDED.  
 MADDOX THEN TOOK P FOURS UNDER FIRE. 3 TORPEDO FIRINGS OBSERVED. 2  
 PASSED DOWN STBD SIDE AFTER 90 DEGREE PORT TURN. OTHER TORPEDO NOT  
 OBSERVED TO RUN. 50 CAL MACHINE GUN FIRE ALSO EXPERIENCED. NO MATERIAL  
 OR PERSONNEL CASUALTIES TO MADDOX. ALL 3 P FOURS HIT BY GUNFIRE. 1  
 APPEARED HIT AND BURNING. REMAINING 2 RETIRED TO WEST. MADDOX RETIRED  
 TO NE AND DIRECTED F8A AIRCRAFT FROM TICO ONTO P-FOURS. MADDOX PRESEN  
 IN COMPANY WITH TURNER JOY PROCEEDING 17-30N, 106-00E FOR UNREP FROM  
 ASHTABULA. COMPL UNREP INTEND PROCEED IAW REFS A AND B. 5 HICOM COMM  
 UNSAT TO DATE. UNODIR AM GUARDING CKT 050.1F (TG77.3 CID) WHICH HAS  
 BEEN SAT FOR COMM WITH TG 77. UNITS. DURATT UNSAT TO DATE. ALL RECENT  
 TRAFFIC PASSED VIA SHIP/SHORE.  
 4. MATERIAL DEFICIENCIES: MADDOX AN/SPS40 INOP. EXPECT SAT BY MORNING.  
 TURNER JOY AN/SPG53 RADAR INOP ETR INDEF.  
 5. IT IS APPARENT THAT DRV HAS CUT DOWN THE GUANTLET AND NOW CONSIDERS  
 ITSELF AT WAR WITH US. IT IS FELT THAT THEY WILL ATTACK US FORCES ON  
 SIGHT WITH NO REGARD FOR COST. U.S. SHIPS IN THE GULF OF TONKIN CAN  
 NO LONGER ASSUME THAT THEY WILL BE CONSIDERED NEUTUALS EXERCISING THE  
 RIGHT OF FREE TRANSIT. THEY WILL BE TREATED AS BELLIGERENTS FROM FIRST  
 DETECTION AND MUST CONSIDER THEMSELVES AS SUCH. DRV PTS HAVE ADVANTAGE.

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ESPECIALLY AT NIGHT OF BEING ABLE TO HIDE IN JUNK CONCENTRATIONS ALL

SHORT-LEGGED FOR LONG PATROL WHERE HIGH SPEEDS ARE REQUIRED AS IN PT  
EVASION. CONSIDER RESUMPTION OF PATROL CAN ONLY BE SAFELY UNDERTAKEN  
BY OO, CL/CA TEAM AND WITH CONTINUOUS AIR COVER

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